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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

Microsoft has done more for our economy in the last 5 years than many other companies. They have created jobs, made technological breakthroughs, and contributed to education and social causes for the good of our nation. Yet, three years of lawsuits still haunt their ability to grow further. I am appalled that nine states want to continue litigation even after settlement has been reached.

The terms of the settlement are more than fair and should appease competitors. The reason being that they will be given access to internal interface technology and protocols that Microsoft has worked long and hard to develop. They will also be granted broad new rights to configure Windows so as to make it easier to promote non-Microsoft software.

While I believe parts of settlement are unjustified and in violation of Microsoft's intellectual property rights, I still believe the settlement is in the best interests of the public. We cannot afford further litigation. Please take a strong stance against the opposition and make the settlement a reality.

Sincerely,

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